

STATUS OF CITY COUNCIL GOALS FOR 2002-2003

Preface:

Overarching Council goals and values throughout the Corvallis 2020 Vision Statement and within the goals listed below include:

★ Diversity

★ Citizen Involvement

★ Sustainability

★ Cost Efficiency

<u>GOALS</u>	<u>Corvallis 2020 Vision Statement Categories</u>
<p>Develop a Downtown Master Plan and development tools, including expansion of downtown housing.</p> <p><u>Status as of June 30, 2003:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The City Council has appropriated \$5,800 of Council Reserves to grant to the Downtown Corvallis Association (DCA) to undertake a visioning process as a prelude to development of a Downtown Master Plan. Community Development staff developed a contract outlining work tasks with DCA. This <i>Central City Category</i> meets <i>citizen involvement</i> and <i>cost efficiency</i> goals with DCA staff and Board leading this effort with stakeholders from downtown.A Transportation Growth Management (TGM) grant application (to develop transportation model split strategies for downtown) has been submitted and is under review/evaluation by ODOT. <p><u>Next Steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Community Development staff will assist DCA, as appropriate, in the visioning effort. DCA plans to report to Council by end of 2003.If the TGM grant is awarded, City staff will develop a request for proposals (RFP) for consultant services to do the work.	<p>Central City Culture and Recreation Economic Vitality Governing and Civic Involvement Protecting the Environment Where We Live</p>

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<p>Develop a Comprehensive Communications Plan, including new and more effective methods for communicating with and involving citizens.</p> <p><u>Status as of June 30, 2003:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Franchise Specialist, working with the cable TV service provider, has developed a process to construct cable access origination points at City Hall, the Senior Center, and the Library. This technology will allow live broadcasts from these locations to the government or public access television channels in the future. Construction costs will be funded by the monthly Public, Education, Government (PEG) access fee on subscriber bills. • The technology used to develop the City's bulletin board information was upgraded, which resulted in a more appealing and professional-looking display of city information. • Development of a Comprehensive Communications Plan has been re-scheduled for Council discussion in July 2003. • "the City" newsletter will be available in hard copy form at various locations around Corvallis, including Winco Foods, First Alternative Cooperative, Hewlett-Packard, and CH2M Hill. It is also available on the City's website and a new "email subscription" service was initiated. • The 2003 Citizen Attitude Survey process is underway. • Utility billing customer information is now available on-line at the City's web site. Customers can view three year's of consumption history, payment history, and their current bill 24 hours per day. <p><u>Next Steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City will publish an RFP to engage a service provider for the cable TV public access studio and to assist citizens with using public access equipment and facilities to create productions. • New technology will be purchased to facilitate start-up of the government access channel. This will make posting of bulletin board information easier and quicker, and allow for play back of videos or live broadcasts from one central command point. 	<p>Central City Culture and Recreation Economic Vitality Education and Human Services Governing and Civic Involvement Protecting the Environment Where We Live</p>

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<p>Work with other Jurisdictions toward common goals. Initiatives to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – transportation strategies – law enforcement restructuring – funding opportunities with 509J and other youth-related programs – OSU Master Plan – Coordinating advocacy at the State level <p><u>Status as of June 30, 2003:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Development staff meets regularly with OSU staff on development issues. Planning staff has been coordinating with OSU on the Master Plan. • City Council approved a strategy for creating a Task Force to address transportation funding alternatives. • Law Enforcement Restructuring Focus Groups met. A briefing by the consultant to the City Council has been scheduled for the first meeting in August. • Staff from the Finance Department and the City Attorney’s Office have been participating in the Benton County planning meetings to place a local income tax on the September ballot to fund schools. • The Mayor, Councilor Wershow, Councilor Roach, and City Manager Nelson have all testified before state legislative committee on behalf of Corvallis and the League of Oregon Cities legislation. <p><u>Next Steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSU staff has indicated to CD Staff that a Comprehensive Plan Amendment Application for the OSU Master Plan will be submitted in late summer. • The Transportation Funding Alternatives Task Force meetings will begin this summer. • Finance Department will enter into two intergovernmental agreements with Oregon State University Printing & Mailing Services to purchase photocopier and laser jet printer paper. 	<p>Central City Culture and Recreation Economic Vitality Education and Human Services Governing and Civic Involvement Protecting the Environment Where We Live</p>

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<p>Identify and evaluate tools for equitable housing opportunities. Tools may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – acquisition of property for affordable housing – property annexation – strategies to improve the balance between housing and jobs <p><u>Status as of June 30, 2003:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Development’s Housing Division has received Council approval for a grant to Corvallis Neighborhood Housing Services (CNHS) to acquire and rehabilitate a multi-family unit in South Corvallis. • Housing Division staff continues to deliver a variety of loans and grants to assist in acquiring and maintaining affordable housing. <p>These efforts are within the <i>Education and Human Services</i> and <i>Where We Live</i> categories and meet the goals of <i>Diversity</i> and <i>Sustainability</i>.</p> <p><u>Next Steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing will coordinate with CNHS and other providers on housing services; and deliver loans and grants to assist in meeting affordability goals and other social service needs of the community. 	<p>Central City Economic Vitality Education and Human Services Governing and Civic Involvement Where We Live</p>
<p>Adopt a City Hall Block Plan.</p> <p><u>Status as of June 30, 2003:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The block planning process has been completed and a report presented to the City Council and Benton County Board of Commissioners. • The City Council reviewed the final Master Plan and facility planning study from SERA Architects. <p><u>Next Steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Plan and recommendations for phasing will be brought forward for Council and CIP Commission consideration. 	<p>Central City Economic Vitality Governing and Civic Involvement</p>

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<p>Continue to work with stakeholders to establish strategies for economic diversification, including streamlined permit and development processes that enable practical flexibility while maintaining high standards.</p> <p><u>Status as of June 30, 2003:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Development staff continue to meet with representatives of the development community on ways to more efficiently administer development review and permitting processes. Work with the Governor's Community Solutions Team and Economic Development Partnership in the identification of the industrial land certification program sites. Work with the Governor's Task Force on streamlining development processes. <p>The above are in the categories of <i>Economic Vitality</i> and <i>Where We Live</i> and meet Council goals of <i>Sustainability</i> and <i>Cost Efficiency</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City Manager met with various business community organizations and provided "Diminishing Returns" information. <p><u>Next Steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A report from the ad hoc City Staff/Development Community will be refined and submitted for Council review in 2003. Evaluation of the industrial sites will be conducted for certification by the State. Development Services' staff will continue to prepare for the introduction of on-line permitting for customers. A meeting has been scheduled in July with various stakeholders to begin a dialog on economic vitality partnerships. 	<p>Central City Economic Vitality Protecting the Environment Where We Live</p>
<p>Complete the Transit Master Plan.</p> <p><u>Status as of June 30, 2003:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of the Transit Master Plan is pending replacement of the vacant Transportation Leadworker (Transit Manager) and hiring a new Transportation Supervisor. <p><u>Next Steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop strategy to complete the draft plan once vacancies are filled. 	<p>Protecting the Environment Where We Live</p>

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<p>Adopt integrated housing and social services policy.</p> <p><u>Status as of June 30, 2003:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Development staff continue to meet with other funders of social services, including housing, to develop a coordinated strategy to meet the needs of the community. This effort is in the <i>Education and Human Services</i> category and meets the goals of <i>Efficiency and Sustainability</i>. <p><u>Next Steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Housing and Community Development Commission has this goal as a pending discussion item. 	<p>Education and Human Services</p>
<p>Identify and implement strategies for long-term financial stability.</p> <p><u>Status as of June 30, 2003:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Council approved the creation of a Transportation Funding Alternative Task Force to address stability of funding for various transportation related service areas. A work session was held in June and Council discussed and identified strategies for long-term financial stability. Other work sessions will be scheduled after the September election and in January 2004. The City Council adopted a FY 03-04 budget of \$128.7 million <p><u>Next Steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Transportation Funding Alternatives Task Force begins meeting this summer. 	<p>Central City Culture and Recreation Economic Vitality Education and Human Services Governing and Civic Involvement Protecting the Environment Where We Live</p>
<p>Adopt Land Development Code Phase III.</p> <p><u>Status as of June 30, 2003:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The natural features inventories are near completion with a June Open House held to present more detailed information to the public. A process time frame has been developed. The Mayor appointed a 15-member LDC III Task Force and their first meeting was held in June. <p>All of the above are in the Vision categories of <i>Economic Vitality</i> and <i>Protecting the Environment</i> and meet the goals for <i>Citizen Involvement</i> and <i>Sustainability</i>.</p> <p><u>Next Steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The LDC III Task Force will continue to meet throughout the Summer and Fall. Coordination will continue with Benton County. 	<p>Economic Vitality Protecting the Environment</p>

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<p>Adopt Storm Water System Development Charges (SDCs)</p> <p><u>Status as of June 30, 2003:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with stakeholder groups and USC is underway. Issue papers are being reviewed. Public meetings were held in May and June. <p><u>Next Steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete review of issue papers and review application of methodology and resulting storm water SDCs. 	<p>Economic Vitality Protecting the Environment</p>
<p>Adopt and implement Endangered Species Act (ESA) Response Plan.</p> <p><u>Status as of June 30, 2003:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted the final public meeting to solicit input/direction from the community on prioritization of implementation strategies. <p><u>Next Steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit Limit 10d application for Routine Roadway Maintenance Activities by December 2004. • Write the final plan and bring it through the LDC Phase III process with Natural Features Inventory and the Storm Water Master Plan. 	<p>Economic Vitality Protecting the Environment</p>
<p>Accomplishments that Reflect the Overarching Goals and Values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff is investigating the feasibility of installing a natural-gas-powered generator at the Osborn Aquatic Center to replace the higher priced electricity used in pool operations. • Conducted several 'web-casts' with consultants for project review and update. Web-casts are interactive meetings held over the web, reducing costs for consultant travel time and related expenses. • Changed the natural gas rate schedule used at the aquatic center, which will result in a \$25,000 annual reduction in costs. • Purchased electric vehicles for the Police Department parking meter readers. • Processed 81 rebates for low-flow toilets, and energy and water efficient washing machines. • Installed a second phase of green LEDs in traffic signals, reducing energy consumption. • Activated the methane-gas-powered Sterling engine at the Wastewater Plant, to use a former waste product (methane gas) as an energy source. • Purchased equipment for the City fleet which takes antifreeze from a vehicle and reconditions it for reuse. This protects the environment by keeping the antifreeze out of the sewer system and saves money because less new antifreeze is purchased. 	

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

- Mailed over 500 letters of appreciation to City volunteers as part of the Mayor's annual volunteer recognition.
- Continued labor negotiations with International Association of Firefighters and sent a proposal to Corvallis Police Officers Association.
- Council approved the establishment of a retiree medical spending account with RC-ICMA.
- Completed electronic imaging of all Council and standing committee meeting agendas and minutes, as well as ordinances and resolutions.
- The City Council adopted a resolution to protect the civil rights and liberties of Corvallis citizens and an administrative policy was developed to implement Council's directives.
- The Municipal Code was amended to allow busking in the Riverfront Commemorative Park.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- Notified that the City's decision was upheld by the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) on the Kelley Engineering Building.
- Held an Open House on the Land Development Code, Phase III update regarding natural feature inventories.
- Implemented new residential building code.
- Completed a major upgrade to permit tracking system as another step toward introducing on-line permitting.
- Facilitated Council approval of the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan. The documents have been forwarded to HUD for approval.
- Completed an agreement between the City and Corvallis Neighborhood Housing Services to act as a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) to receive federal funds for housing.
- Continued to hold discussions on development related issues with representatives from the development community on ways to efficiently administer development review and permitting processes. An interim report has been prepared.

- Facilitated the Economic Development and Social Service allocation processes for FY 03-04 funding.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- The City Council approved the FY 03-04 budget. The adopted budget has been posted on the Finance Department web site and is at the printer. Copies will be distributed in July.
- The City paid \$248,151 as an arbitrage rebate to the federal government for the Riverfront bonds. The City was required to pay the arbitrage rebate because bond proceeds were not spent by the IRS targets (the second target to spend 45% of the proceeds plus accrued interest within twelve months of issuance was missed). The figure rebated represents interest earned in excess of the interest rate paid on the bonds.
- MIS staff assisted in upgrading the Police Department home grown Evidence database from Access to the city standard MS SQL database.
- MIS performed an upgrade of the Community Development permitting and inspection application.
- The auditors were on-site for two weeks in June doing preliminary testing for the FY 02-03 audit.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Acting-in-capacity (AIC) evaluations for personnel who wish to serve as an "in-capacity" Battalion Chief have been completed. All nine candidates were certified. (Individuals not permanently assigned to those positions must renew their certifications in order to continue to be eligible to serve in capacity.)
- The Department applied for a FEMA grant to promote interoperability with surrounding agencies and jurisdictions. The application was for 25 digital radios and related equipment.
- The Department applied for a Homeland Security grant for 5 thermal imaging units and related equipment and was awarded funds to purchase 1 unit and related equipment.

- Brent Goold was selected as the American Legion Firefighter of the Year. Many worthy nominations were received. Brent was judged to best meet the criteria established by the American Legion for the award.
- Dan Wehrman was selected to receive the “Hometown Hero” award due to his exemplary attitude and his service to the community.
- Kathy Lu, a 5th grader at Hoover School, served as “Fire Chief for the Day” on May 16.
- Chief Campbell is examining the feasibility of restructuring the Department’s management team to merge the positions of Training Officer and EMS Division Chief.
- The Department took delivery of the fire safety education trailer, purchased with funds from a FEMA grant award. The trailer is being readied for service and will be used at the Benton County Fair.
- Negotiations with the firefighters’ union and the Rural District continue toward successor agreements with each group.
- Department personnel participated in an emergency drill with Hewlett-Packard and Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center on April 21.

LIBRARY

- “One County, One Book” project completed with four presentations by author Ivan Doig in April. The project was funded by the Library Foundation and Friends of the Library.
- The drive up book drop was moved to the parking garage for use when the library is open, solving long-standing safety and congestion problem in the parking lot.
- Space study completed by consultants, giving the library a blueprint for space use for 10 years.
- A week-long series of programs leading to the release of the fifth Harry Potter book was planned and implemented, culminating in release of the book at midnight on June 21.
- The Alsea Community Effort was awarded a \$300,000 Community Development Block Grant, bringing the project to 90% funded.
- “Answerland,” a state-wide virtual reference project, began with Corvallis–Benton County as one of the pilots in the program; librarians use chat and email to help patrons all over Oregon.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

- The second annual Procession of Species Parade, involving 200 participants, was held in April as part of the Earth Day celebration.
- The Senior Center again cosponsored a Tax Aide program with IRS and AARP, serving 1039 people this year—200 more participants than last year.
- The Senior Center cosponsored an intergenerational workshop with the Foster Grandparent Program and the Retired Volunteer and Senior Program. Approximately 75 people attended from youth and adult organizations to learn about changes in programs due to budget reductions and ways we might work together.
- Adult softball is one of the largest recreation programs the department manages, involving more than 2000 participants. There are 145 adult softball teams registered this year.
- April Pool’s Day, held at Osborn Aquatic Center, attracted 120 participants.
- The Aquatic Center was the site of a large swim invitational in May, which drew approximately 1000 people from out of town for the 3-day meet.
- Administration and Recreation staff cooperated in a very successful Arena registration in May. This year, incorporating a “Treasures of Corvallis” theme, staff dressed as pirates.
- Preparations are underway for creating a Recreation Services Plan and an Open Space Management Plan for Owens Farm. A consultant has been hired.
- Parks Maintenance staff installed new ESA friendly floatation equipment at the Willamette boat ramp.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- The second Citizen Police Academy coordinated by Auxiliary volunteers was held, with 24 citizens graduating.
- Annual Patrol shift rollover was completed.
- Police Department staff hosted and attended a VisionAir User Conference.
- Crime Analyst Vicki McRoberts was honored by the Corvallis American Legion as the Corvallis Police Department Employee of the Year.

- Sergeant Dave Henslee, in cooperation with Oregon Liquor Control Commission and Benton County Health Department, conducted two training sessions for business owners on alcohol distribution and sales.
- Motor Officers Crain and Teeter attended the Northwest Motor Officers Annual Training in Washington. Officer Crain was awarded a second and third place medal in the individual event competition.
- A Community Policing Forum meeting was held for Neighborhood Watch captains and participants.
- An investigator continues to liaise with FBI on terrorism and homeland security issues.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- Completed annual sidewalk safety program.
- Completed grind/inlay street preservation on Harrison from 9th to 18th streets.
- Completed replacement of damaged signal pole at Kings & Buchanan.
- Provided GIS support for the Natural Features Inventory project.
- Negotiated group pass programs with ASOSU and OSU faculty and staff for 03-04 transit services.
- Completed design work and obtained construction bids for projects scheduled to be constructed this summer.